AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0025], with the following amended paragraph:

[0025]   The memory 108 may be any form of digital storage device, for example, discrete or embedded RAM, re-writable PROM such as EEPROM, or storage cells in an ASIC or FPGA configured as either registers or RAM or any other type of simple or complex memory device known to those skilled in the art. The memory 108 may be connected to or may be included in a processor.[[.]] The memory 108 includes thereon a static table 110.

[0025A]   A preferred embodiment of a static lookup table 110 is shown in FIG. 3. A static table 110 for use in the present invention preferably includes a form of at least one roaming list 202, such as that shown in Table 1. However, rather than dividing the roaming list 202 by geographic region, as in Table 1, which division by geographic region requires searching anew with each change in geographic region, the roaming list 202 of FIG. 3 is keyed to a lookup table 204. The lookup table 204 matches a known geographic position 206 with an SID index 208, which SID index 208 corresponds to an SID 210 in the roaming list 202, without a need to search through each SID 210 in a roaming list 202 for a geographic location. The SIDs may be index keyed, such as SID position 1 (SID1) being keyed to location L2, which SID1 index key in FIG. 3 corresponds to SID 101 in Table 1, or directly keyed to geographic location, such as L2 being directly matched with SID 101.

[0025B]   Thus, the roaming list 202 lists the preferential status of each system in the roaming list 202, and corresponds each system to an SID number 210. This SID number 210 corresponds to an SID index 208, which SID index 208 is listed in the lookup table 204, and is matched in that lookup table 204 to a position range 206. The static table 110 is preferably present on the mobile communication device 100. The static table 110 may be updated on each power up of the device 100, or may be updated at predetermined intervals, such as weekly, for example. The update may occur at the base station, and may be transferred to the device 100 upon contact with the base station on power up, for example, in an embodiment wherein the static table is maintained on the device 100.

Please replace paragraph [0027], with the following amended paragraph:

[0027]   The location 206 on which the lookup table 204 is keyed in FIG. 3 is preferably generated by a locator 120, which is preferably present in the mobile communication device 100. The locator 120 may be satellite based, such as by the use of the Global Positioning System,

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(GPS), wherein satellite tracking is used to locate the mobile communication device 100, or triangulation based, wherein multiple base stations 130 having locator beacons or other appropriate signals therein, enable the mobile communication device locator 120 to measure the distance between the mobile device 100 and ~~thefixed~~ the fixed position base station beacons, and, through a difference algorithm, generate a location 206.

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